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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENTS OF OCTOBER 29, 1976

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AT THE
SALT TWO MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 1976.

BEGIN TEXT.

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY I WILL ADDRESS CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT
WHICH PERTAIN TO HEAVY ICBMS, AND ALSO THE PROVISION WHICH LIMITS
THE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF AN ICBM DILO LAUNCHER.

ON JULY 28, 1976, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT,
IF THE SIDES COULD OTHERWISE ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE FOR
PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, WHICH DEFINES
HEAVY ECBMS, AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, WHICH PLACES A CEILING
ON THE LAUNCH-WEIGHT AND THROW-WEIGHT OF HEAVY ECMBS, AND IF WE
COULD WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT ON THE DEFINITION OF THROW-WEIGHT, THE

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UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE USE OF THE TERM

"LIGHT" IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II AND ELSEWHERE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, THAT IS, IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE IV.

II

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SIDES IN THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT, AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATION, ON LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II, FOR PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, FOR AN AGREED STATEMENT DEFINING THE LAUNCH-WEIGHT AND THE THROW-WEIGHT OF AN ECBM, AND FOR A COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO MAKE CLEAR THE MEANING OF THE TERM "OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES" IN THE DEFINITION OF ECBM THROW-WEIGHT.

THE LANGUAGE FOR THESE PROVISIONS, AGREED STATEMENT AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING IS AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II

"HEAVY ECBMS ARE ANY ECBMS WHICH HAVE A LAUNCH-WEIGHT GREATER OR A THROW-WEIGHT GREATER THAN THAT OF THE HEAVIEST, IN TERMS OF EITHER LAUNCH-WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE LIGHT ECBMS DEPLOYED BY EITHER PARTY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT."

PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV

"THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST, OR DEPLOY ECBMS WHICH HAVE A LAUNCH-WEIGHT GREATER OR A THROW-WEIGHT GREATER THAN THAT OF THE HEAVIEST, IN TERMS OF EITHER LAUNCH-WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE HEAVY ECBMS DEPLOYED BY EITHER PARTY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT."

AGREED STATEMENT

"IN CONNECTION WITH PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, THE SIDES HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING AGREED STATEMENT:

"THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE LAUNCH-WEIGHT OF AN ECBM IS THE WEIGHT OF THE FULLY LOADED MISSILE ITSELF AT THE TIME OF LAUNCH.

"THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE THROW-WEIGHT OF AN ECBM IS THE SUM OF THE WEIGHT OF: (A) ITS REENTRY VEHICLE OR REENTRY VEHICLES; (B) ANY SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISMS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES FOR TARGETING ONE REENTRY VEHICLE, OR FOR RELEASING OR FOR DISPENSING AND TARGETING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES; AND (C) ITS PENETRATION AIDS, INCLUDING DEVICES FOR THEIR RELEASE."

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COMMON UNDERSTANDING

"THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TERM 'OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES', AS USED IN THE DEFINITION OF THE THROW-WEIGHT OF AN ECBM IN THE AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, MEANS ANY DEVICES FOR DISPENSING AND TARGETING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES; AND ANY DEVICES FOR RELEASING TWO OR MORE REEN-

TRY VEHICLES OR FOR TARGETING ONE REENTRY VEHICLE, WHICH CANNOT PROVIDE THEIR REENTRY VEHICLES OR REENTRY VEHICLE WITH ADDITIONAL VELOCITY OF MORE THAN 1,000 METERS PER SECOND."

MR MINISTER, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAN, WITH RESPECT TO THE AGREED STATEMENT DEFINING THE THROW-WEIGHT OF AN ECBM AND TO THE ASSOCIATED COMMON UNDERSTANDING, THE TERM "TARGETING" APPLIES TO ONE REENTRY VEHICLE; THE TERM "RELEASING" APPLIES TO MULTIPLE REENTRY VEHICLES WHICH ARE NOT INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE; AND THE TERM "DISPENSING AND TARGETING" APPLIES TO MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLES. "OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES...FOR DISPENSING AND TARGETING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES" PERFORM THE SAME FUNCTION AS "SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISMS" AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE THROW-WEIGHT OF AN ICBM IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ADDITIONAL VELOCITY WHICH THEY CAN PROVIDE THE REENTRY VEHICLES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SIDES IN THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP ALSO HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT, AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATION, ON LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE IV AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE IV

"THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO CONVERT LAUNCHERS FOR LIGHT ICBMS OR FOR ICBMS OF OLDER TYPES DEPLOYED PRIOR TO 1964, INTO LAUNCHERS FOR HEAVY ICBMS OF TYPES DEPLOYED AFTER THAT TIME."

III

MR. MINISTER, I BELIVE THAT BASED ON THE FOREGOING THERE CAN BE AGREEMENT, AD REFERENDUM TO OUR GOVERNMENTS, ON PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, AND AN ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENT AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING. I ALSO NOTE THAT I PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED THAT AS CHIEFS OF DELEGATION WE AGREE, AD REFERENDUM TO OUR GOVERNMENTS, TO THE TEXTS OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE IV, WHICH LIMITS THE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF SECRET

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AN ICBM DILO LAUNCHER, AND AN ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENT AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

OCTOBER 29, 1976

MR. MINISTER:

I AGREE THAT PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV, AND THE ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENTS AND COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS ARE AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO OUR GOVERNMENTS.

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